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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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Claim 1 (previously presented): A blister packaging unit (10) in which at least two different components are retained captive, at least one of which has a pulverulent or granular consistency and is to be prepared before use with the further packaged component(s) in a mixer or applicator to form a ready-for-use mixture, whereby the components are inserted in appropriately preshaped receptacles (32; 34) in a packaging unit blister (30) of a suitable film material, the blister being closed on a side of an open mouth of the receptacle by a cover (36) which may be opened to allow access to the component(s), wherein the different components are packed separated from one another in separate individual packages, of which the component(s) having the pulverulent or granular consistency is / are packaged in an individual blister package (12; 14; 16) which is shaped generally complementarily to an associated receptacle (32) in the packaging unit blister, a blister of the individual blister package having a shape of an elongate trough element (12) of plastic tapered in the manner of a spout at at least one end, whereby the trough element(s) is closed by a separate tear-off cover (16) which may be opened to allow access to the component(s).

Claim 2 (previously presented): The blister packaging unit as claimed in Claim 1, in which the components having a pulverulent or granular consistency is/are packaged in a sterile manner and the sterility must be guaranteed until preparation to form the ready-to-use mixture wherein both the material of the trough element (12) and the

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material of the separate cover (16) and their connection is constructed to be impermeable to the passage of germs.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The blister packaging unit as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the material of the trough element (12) and/or the separate cover (16) is constructed to be permeable to radiation with ionising beams for the purpose of radiation sterilisation of the component(s) having a pulverulent or granular consistency.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The blister packaging unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the separate tear-off cover (16) is constructed to be permeable for gas treatment, for the purpose of sterilising the component(s) having a pulverulent or granular consistency.

Claim 5 (previously presented): Blister packaging unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein two separate covers (16) with different chemical, physical properties are applied in two successive steps to the peripheral flange (14) of the trough element (12).

Claim 6 (new): A system for storing cement components comprising a container storing cement powder, and a lid, at least a portion of which is attached to the container and is capable of being peeled off the container to access the powder in the container, wherein the container has a bottom and at least one wall connected to the bottom, at least a portion of said wall slanting upwardly from the bottom.

Claim 7 (new): The system of claim 6, wherein the container comprises plastic.

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Claim 8 (new): The system of claim 6, wherein the at least a portion of the lid is attached to the container with adhesive.

Claim 9 (new): The system of claim 6, wherein the container further comprises a rim extending outwardly from the at least one wall.

Claim 10 (new): The system of claim 9, wherein the at least a portion of the lid is attached to the rim of the container.

Claim 11 (new): The system of claim 6, wherein the container further comprises a tab extending outwardly from the at least one wall.

D' Claim 12 (new): The system of claim 6, wherein the at least one wall comprises a front wall, a back wall, and two side walls, wherein the front wall slants upwardly from the bottom and at least a portion of at least one of the side walls tapers towards the other side wall proximate to the front wall.

Claim 13 (new): The system of claim 6, further comprising an ampoule containing a liquid monomer.

Claim 14 (new): The system of claim 13, wherein the ampoule comprises glass.

Claim 15 (new): The system of claim 6, wherein the container is adapted to mate with a funnel.

Claim 16 (new): A method for storing cement components comprising:

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a) inserting cement powder into a container comprising a closed bottom and at least one wall connected to the bottom, at least a portion of said wall slanting upwardly from the bottom; and

b) attaching a lid to at least a portion of the container to seal the powder into the container.

Claim 17 (new): A method for making cement comprising:

a) providing a container storing cement powder and having a lid, at least a portion of said lid being attached to the container and capable of being peeled off the container to access the powder in the container, wherein the container has a closed bottom and at least one wall connected to the bottom, at least a portion of said wall slanting upwardly from the bottom;

b) peeling the lid at least partially from the container;

c) pouring the cement powder into a mixing bowl;

d) mixing a liquid monomer with the cement powder in the mixing bowl.

Claim 18 (new): The method of claim 17, wherein the pouring of the cement powder into the mixing bowl further comprises guiding the powder from the container and into the mixing bowl using a funnel.

Claim 19 (new): A system for mixing cement comprising:

a) a cement mixer having a mixing chamber with an opening;

b) a funnel member having an input end and an output end, wherein the output end mates with the opening of the mixer; and

c) a container storing cement powder, and a lid, at least a portion of which is attached to the container and is capable of being peeled off the container to access the powder in the container, wherein the container is adapted to mate with the input end of the funnel member.

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Claim 20 (new): The system of claim 19, wherein the container further comprises a tapered end to mate with the input end of the funnel member.

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Claim 21 (new): The system of claim 20, wherein the container further comprises a bottom, a front wall and two side walls, wherein the front wall slants upwardly from the bottom and at least a portion of at least one of the side walls tapers towards the other side wall proximate to the front wall to form the tapered end.

Claim 22 (new): The system of claim 19, further comprising an ampoule containing a liquid monomer.
